Your name

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What are your favorite types of stories to write?

I like writing fiction in general. Science fiction and historical fiction are probably my favorite fiction stories to write though, I also like writing fantasy stories as little mini-stories. I also like writing mystery, or a story that may contain horror elements because I can't do full-on psychological thrillers and I would never be able to re-read the story.

What are your favorite types of books to read?

Non-fiction and science fiction are my favorite kinds of books to read, I also like graphic novels.

Who is your favorite author? What do you like most about this author?

Raina Telgaimer, I love her writing style and I like graphic novels because they keep me wanting to read more. True stories are always fun!

What is your favorite book? Have any books ever inspired you to be a writer?

My favorite book has to be Smile! Although I've never read a book that inspired me to be an author, I have been inspired by plots of stories to think of a story. My love of writing came through experiences.

What was the most recent book you read?

I'm currently reading "Life, the Universe, and Everything" by Douglass Adams but the book I just finished is "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" also written by Douglass Adams.

How long have you been creative writing? When did you first realize you enjoyed writing?

I wrote a little bit here and there, constantly faced with the lack of motivation to keep going. I was always a big writer, I just thought of the assignments as writing assignments, something that needed to be completed. I always had story ideas and stuff, but I could never force myself to get it on paper. Then, I became a finalist in writing competition and that was all I needed. Just a little positivity and I realized how much I truly enjoyed writing.

What was the first story you ever wrote? What was it about?

The first story I wrote was Nathan's First word, it was about my little brother Nathan and his first word which was Maya. So, I was so happy I wrote the story and it was a finalist in a competition.

Where do you usually do your best writing? Describe the place where you usually do your writing.

I like writing in my playroom, nobody really uses the playroom which I found surprising, but we have a table that I can just sit down at and wait for my little brother to put something on the TV. I half listen and when I hear a random line from whatever he is watching I can think of a story. In fact, my favorite spot is in public because I record random people's lines on a piece of paper and think of a story. I came up with a mystery story once but lost it later. So, even though I usually get my best inspiration and motivation to write in public I usually write in my playroom.

Do you have an idea for a story right now? What is it?

My friend and I **Love** this Roblox game called *Flee the Facility* and after a FaceTime call my mind wandered to Cloud nine, then mind began thinking what it would look like as a novel or a story. Then, **POOF**, I had an entire plot set up, and some extra ideas to write for the story.

Do you also draw, paint, or sketch? What kinds of artwork do you like to do?

I love sketching!